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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY, MAY 6

1. NYT (PAGE 35) HEADLINE "STORY OF RUSSIAN GIRL, 9, UNCORROBORATED BY POLICE" BY PAUL MONTGOMERY REPORTS THAT CHILD GAVE VARIOUS VERSIONS OF STORY OF KIDNAPPING AND TORTURE TO POLICE WHICH CANNOT BE VERIFIED.

2. WP (PAGE 17) HEADLINE "JEWS ASK CONGRESS FOR HELP IN RUSSIA" REPORTS ON TWO DAY MEETING OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY. IN DECLARATION OF FREEDOM, THE JEWISH LEADERS CALLED "UPON THE PRESIDENT TO COMMUNICATE TO THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT THAT, IN THE BEST OF AMERICAN TRADITION, WE SEEK AN END TO ALL DISCRIMINATION AND REPRESSION OF SOVIET JEWS AND THAT THIS NATION'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE RIGHT OF EMIGRATION IS STEADFAST". SENATOR JACKSON URGED GROUP TO MOBILIZE PUBLIC OPINION ON EMIGRATION ISSUE. SENATOR KENNEDY SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE TO APPEAL FOR FREEDOM FOR SOVIET JEWS IMPRISONED AND HARRASSED FOR SEEKING TO EMIGRATE.

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3. WP (EDITORIAL PAGE) COLUMN BY PETER OSNOS DATELINED

MOSCOW HEADLINED "RUSSIANS WAR JUBILES" DESCRIBES COMPREHENSIVE SCOPE OF THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS.

4. WP (PAGE 20) HEADLINE "YUGOSLAV TURN DOWN SOVIET PLAN" BY DUSKO DODER, DATELINE BELGRADE STATING YUGOSLAV PLAN TO BOYCOTT EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON COMMUNIST PARTIES.

5. SUN (PAGE B1) HEADLINE "GETTING INTO COLLEGE IN RUSSIA IS COMPETITIVE, EXPENSIVE" BY MICHAEL PARKS CITIES PRESS ARTICLES INDICATING MOUNTING CRITICISM OF SELECTION SYSTEM INDICATING MANY STUDENTS ENTER COLLEGE THROUGH PARENTAL INFLUENCE AND BRIBERY RATHER THAN ON BASIS OF COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS; ALSO PREVALENCE OF PRIVATE TUTORING FAVORS MORE AFFLUENT STUDENTS. ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE STATISTICS 60 PER CENT OF THOSE STUDYING IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ARE FROM WHITE COLLAR FAMILIES, ALTHOUGH THIS GROUP COMPRISES 21 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION. KISSINGER

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